

Road Safety Education programmes for schools

Walk Safe

- Pedestrian training in primary schools
 - Year 1 (5-6 yrs)
 - Year 3 (7-8 yrs)
 - Year 6 (10-11 yrs)
- Mix of classroom discussion & practical training
- Free to all schools
- Delivered by road safety instructor team
- Over 8000 children trained last year



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Scootability

- Primary schools
- Available to all year groups
- 1-hour session, groups of ~15
- Focus on balance & control skills & responsible scooter use
- Delivered by Road Safety Officer
- Traded service - £6.34 per child
- Over 800 children trained last year



What is Bikeability?

- Introduced in 2007
- The national cycle training programme, supported and funded by Active Travel England on behalf of the UK Government
- Governed by The Bikeability Trust.
- Delivered by professional, nationally qualified and DBS-checked instructors.
- All training providers must be registered and follow national guidance.

All Bikeability training teaches riders to make independent decisions and practice safe and responsible cycling through:

- Making good and frequent observations
- Choosing and maintaining the most suitable riding positions
- Communicating intentions clearly to others
- Understanding priorities on the road, particularly at junctions.





Bikeability Level 1 helps children become more skilled and confident in riding their bikes in the playground and gets them ready for cycling on the road.

- **Maintain their cycle:** make sure their ride is in good condition and make simple repairs.
- **Glide:** smooth, calm and collected.
- **Control their bike:** including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping.
- **Pedal:** without feeling wobbly or out of control, even if riding one-handed.
- **Be aware of their surroundings:** looking behind and turning around obstacles.

Riders must be able to ride a bike already (pedal and glide) to take part in this training.





Bikeability Level 2 aims to improve riders' skills and confidence for cycling on local roads and simple junctions without too much traffic.

- **Start and stop** with more confidence.
- **Pass stationary vehicles** parked on a road.
- **Understand the road:** signals, signs and road markings.
- **Negotiate the road:** including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts.
- **Share the road** with other vehicles.

All the riders will have to show they can do everything at Bikeability Level 1 before they can go on the roads.





Bikeability Level 3 prepares riders to ride in more challenging road and traffic situations., such as busier streets, queuing traffic, complex junctions and roundabouts.

- **Use the best riding position** for any situation
- **Ride alongside other cyclists**
- **Ride on more complex roads.** This might include busier roads, more complicated junctions or faster roads with speed limits above 30mph.
- **Negotiate more complex roads.** For example, junctions controlled by traffic lights, multi-lane roads or cycle lanes.
- **Respond confidently** when a situation changes. For example, when a vehicle pulls out in front of you.



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Bikeability

- ‘Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century’
- 3 levels:
 - Level 1 – off road, basic skills
 - Level 2 – quiet roads
 - Level 3 – more complex road situations
- Delivered to National Standards
- Subsidised by Government grant with top-up funding from schools as Traded Service
- 3324 pupils trained at L1&2, and 85 at L3 last school year



“Every child should be able to participate in Bikeability”

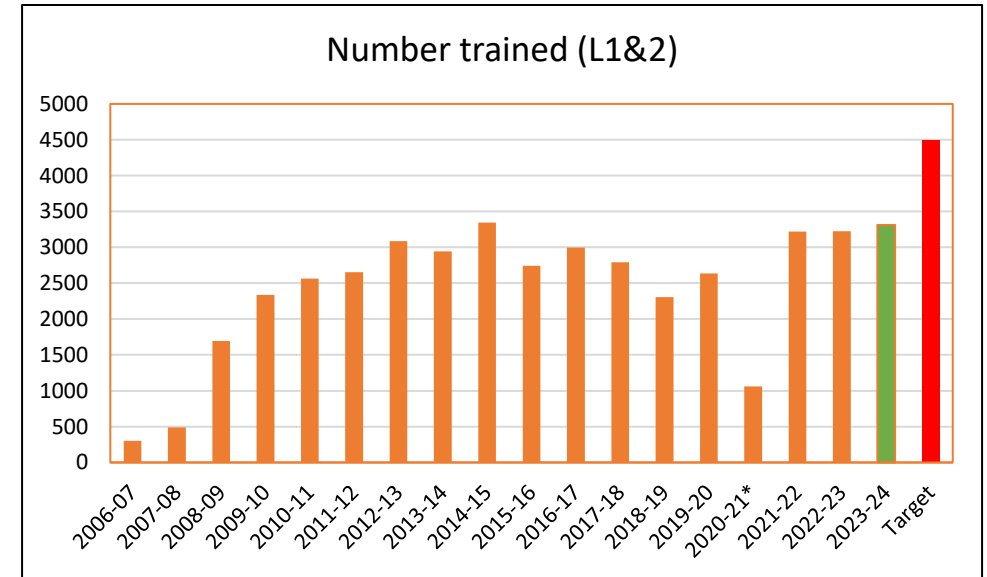
Active Travel England has set this target at 80% of Year 6 pupils.

- **Does your local school host Bikeability each year?**
- **What % of pupils/students take part?**
- **What can we do to support take-up of training at the school?**



2023-24 academic year

Month	Level 1/2 booked	Level 1/2 delivered	Level 3 booked	Level 3 delivered	LTR delivered
2023	1248	1144			1
Sep	383	343			
Oct	325	291			
Nov	422	393			
Dec	118	117			1
2024	2401	2168	86	85	37
Jan	185	179			
Feb	167	157			
Mar	439	410			
Apr	149	138	53	53	13
May	296	255			17
Jun	729	642			1
Jul	430	385	18	18	5
Aug	6	2	15	14	1
Grand Total	3649	3312	86	85	38



Schools by Area Board	NOR (Oct 23)	Approx no. Y6	No delivered 2022-23	No delivered 2023-24	%Y6 delivered 23-24	Average % FSM
RWB & Cricklade	5324	360	202	201	56%	9.3%
Bradon Forest School (142316)	913		26	0		12.5%
Broad Hinton CE Primary School (126305)	73	14	11	14	100%	5.6%
Broad Town CE Primary School (126306)	58	5	14	3	60%	8.9%
Cricklade Manor Prep (126533)	230		0	22		0.0%
Longleaze Primary School (126262)	254	37	0	24	65%	14.5%
Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School (142293)	166	21	21	17	81%	5.0%
Lyneham Primary School (135177)	335	41	0	0	0%	5.6%
Meadow Bridge School (149026)	12		0	0		0.0%
Noremarsch Junior School (146421)	233	60	57	34	57%	14.6%
Ridgeway Farm CE Academy (142321)	214	30	21	24	80%	10.7%
Royal Wootton Bassett Academy (136911)	1720		0	0		11.6%
St Bartholomew's Primary Academy (141142)	378	60	35	42	70%	19.4%
St Mary's CE Primary School & Nursery, Purton (126350)	343	58	0	0	0%	13.3%
St Sampson's CE Primary School (126317)	287	34	17	21	62%	7.3%
Wootton Bassett Infants' School (126235)	108		0	0		10.4%
Grand Total	5324	360	202	201	56%	9.3%

Maximising Bikeability take-up

We share Government's ambition for every child to have the opportunity to participate.



No suitable or roadworthy cycle?

- We have loan cycle(s) available
- Set up a fleet/bike library at school or in community
- Make links with local bike schemes and charities
- Run a 'Dr Bike' session with a local mechanic – bike checks and basic maintenance

Child unable to ride?

- Set up 'Learn to Ride' sessions for individuals/small group
- Consider balance bike training in KS1 PE – we have bikes schools can borrow

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Child with additional needs?

- Speak to instructor about extra support. Funding is available.
- Share SEND info with instructor to fully support pupil to access on-road training
- Provide usual 1-2-1 support for training, as in classroom
- Invite parent/carer to participate
- Investigate available adapted cycles

We can overcome most barriers but need plenty of notice!

Instructor recruitment

All Bikeability instructors in Wiltshire are self-employed contractors.

They:

- are qualified to national standards and registered with the Bikeability Trust/DfT
- are subject to safer recruitment processes, including interview, positive references and Right to Work in the UK checks.
- must undergo enhanced DBS checks and safeguarding training every 3 years
- hold a recognised First Aid qualification, renewed every 3 years



We currently have 26 active instructors spread across the county, although most work part-time.

We are looking to recruit more, especially in the north of the county. Anyone interested should contact us at bikeability@wiltshire.gov.uk



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